REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-17, 19-24, 27-30, 36, 38-41, 43-48, and 51 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 33, 34, 37, 49, and 50 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In section 4 on pages 2-9, the Office Action rejects claims 33, 37, 49, and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0078626 to Li ("Li") in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,185,779 to Dop et al. ("Dop") and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0021234 to Soltysiak et al. ("Soltysiak") and U.S. Publication No. 2007/0153687 to Attar et al. ("Attar"). In section 5 on page 9, the Office Action rejects claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Li in view of Dop, Soltysiak, Attar, and U.S. Patent Number 6,598,229 to Smyth et al. ("Smyth").
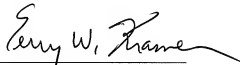
As indicated above, claims 33, 34, 37, 49, and 50 are hereby canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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